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SUBJECT: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS WERE FROM THAI SIDE ESSENTIALLY REPLAY OF LAST ROUND. THAIDEL STRESSED NEED TO REDRESS BALANCE, REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON OTHER CARRIER OPERATIONS AND PROTECT THEIR DEVELOPING SMALL AIRLINES FROM COMPETITION OF BIGGER WELL-ESTABLISHED AND WEALTHY US AIRLINES.

2. USDEL ADOPTED GENERAL APPROACH OF SEEKING MORE INFORMATION FROM RTG ABOUT EARNINGS OF THAI CARRIERS UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENT, PLANS TO UTILIZE EXISTING ROUTE AUTHORITY, AND JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL ROUTES. NUMEROUS SMALL DEBATES ENSUED ALONG LINES OF PREVIOUS ROUNDS.

3. ON WEDNESDAY DR. SIRILAK SAID HE WOULD PURSUE US OFFER MADE AT END OF SECOND ROUND AND ON MONDAY TO BASE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THAI DOCUMENT 1 AND US DOCUMENT 5 FROM PREVIOUS ROUND. ENSUING DISCUSSION LEAD TO SOME CLARIFICATION OF THAI PROBLEMS WITH PHRASING OF US DOCUMENT 5 WHICH USDEL OFFERED TO IMPROVE. THAIDEL CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR PREFERRED UNRESTRICTED ACCESS ALONG LINES OF THAI DOCUMENT 1, IN SPITE OF ITS OFTEN REITERATED UNACCEPTABILITY TO US SIDE. US CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR
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REVENUE AND EARNINGS DATA FROM THAIDEL, BUT IN ABSENCE

THEREOF WILL TABLE TOMORROW ESTIMATES FOR EARNINGS OF BOTH
US AND THAI CARRIERS FOR YEARS 73, 74 AND 75.

4. PANAM CONTINUES TO STRESS ITS UNWILLINGNESS TO SEE ANY
ACCESS TO GUAM GRANTED TO THAIS, BUT IS AWARE OF USDEL'S
TENTATIVE ACCEPTANCE OF MANILA, HONG KONG AND TAIWAN AS THE
INTERMEDIATES TO GUAM. USDEL WILL INSIST ON NO RPT NO FIFTH
FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR THAI CARRIERS ON SECTOR TOKYO-
GUAM UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.
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